GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2005
PM S RECENT VISIT TO USA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the PM visited USA recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held between the two countries and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the US has proposed certain new norms regarding nuclear deal with India;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(f) whether the issue of permanent seat for India in the UNSC also came up for discussion;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (h) - A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN PARTS (A) TO (H) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 2 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2005 REGARDING `PM`S RECENT VISIT TO USA`.

(a)-(b) The Prime Minister visited New York in connection with the 60th session of UNGA and met US President George Bush on 13 September 2005. They exchanged views on developments related to the understandings and agreements reached during PM`s visit to Washington in July 2005. The discussion also touched on the IAEA: consideration of the Iran nuclear issue. Prime Minister also participated in the launch of the UN Democracy Fund.

(c)-(e) The US has not proposed any new norms regarding the understanding on civil nuclear cooperation. The implementation of the July 18 Joint Statement would be guided fully and entirely by the commitments reflected in the Joint Statement only. A Working Group to this end, headed by Foreign Secretary on the Indian side and Under Secretary for Political Affairs of the State Department on the US side, has been set up and it held its first meeting in Delhi on October 21, 2005. The two sides are working closely to implement this understanding at the earliest.

(f)-(h) The matter of India`s candidature for permanent membership of the UNSC did not figure in the discussion with the US President on this occasion.